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Full text copies of the art cited, or the pertinent portions thereof, are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that this art be considered by the Examiner in the above-entitled application and made of record therein. The information provided and references enclosed herewith shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other art than that identified exists.

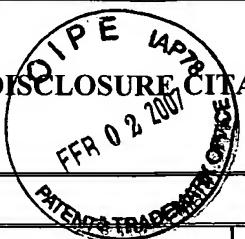
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